

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.: <p style="text-align: center;">03</p>	3. EFFECTIVE DATE <p style="text-align: center;">July 18, 2006</p>	4. PURCHASE REQUISITION NO.: <p style="text-align: center;">BG060237</p>	5A. SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/PROJECT TITLE: Fire Alarm System Upgrade for USBG at D.C. Village 5B. PROJECT NO (If applicable) <p style="text-align: center;">000235</p>
6. ISSUED BY <p style="text-align: center;">ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL United States Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515</p>		7. ADDRESS AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION TO Architect of the Capitol Procurement Division Ford House Office Building, Room H2-263 Attn: Mrs. Shola Matthews-Aroloye Second and "D" Streets, S.W. Washington, DC 20515	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code) <p style="text-align: center;">TO ALL</p>		X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. <p style="text-align: center;">RFP060113</p>
			9B. DATED (See Item 11) <p style="text-align: center;">May 31, 2006</p>
			10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
			10B. DATED (See Item 13)

11. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of offers ____✓____ is extended to **July 31, 2006 @ 1:00 p.m. Local Time**

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copy of the amendment;

(b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment in Block 12 of the AOC 33 or Block 19 of the AOC 1442 of the original solicitation package, giving amendment number and its date; or

(c) By separate letter which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers.

FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter, provided each letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening/receipt hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS AND MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

Check One			
	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.		
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b)(1)		
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:		
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)		
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor _____ is not, _____ is required to sign this document and return it to the issuing office.			
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION <p style="text-align: center;">SEE CONTINUATION PAGE</p> <p>Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.</p>			
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
15B. OFFEROR/CONTRACTOR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		By _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)	

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AMENDMENT NO.: 03 Solicitation No.: RFP 060113

A. This Amendment No. 03 is issued to the above referenced solicitation number to respond to Contractor's site visit, post site visit and pre proposal questions. This Amendment is also to replace pages with those that have corrections and/or changes made to them as identified by the **thick black lines (█)**, in the right margin. Please replace the following pages with those currently in the solicitation package:

Remove Pages

Insert Pages

Page 2 -2 of Supplementary Conditions

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B. **Offerors are reminded to check the AOC Website periodically for amendments or notices.**

NOTE:

1. **The due date and time for receipt of offers is changed to July 31, 2006 @ 1:00 P.M. Est. Time**
2. **Offers and modifications must be sent via Federal Express (FEDEX) or United Parcel Service (UPS). Hand-carried offers and modifications will be rejected.**

Attachments:

Page 2 -2 of Supplementary Conditions (1 Page)

List of Site Visit Attendees (2 Pages)

Questions and Answers (5 Pages)

Distribution:

Contract File

Contracting Officer's Technical Representative/Project Manager - J. Bell -J. M. Gallagher

SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS

AOC52.201-1 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S AUTHORITY (JUN 2004)

The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to make or approve any changes in any of the requirements of this contract, notwithstanding any provision contained elsewhere in this contract. In the event that the Contractor makes any change at the direction of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any increase in costs incurred as a result thereof.

(End of clause)

AOC52.201-2 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR) (MAR 2005)

The Government shall provide the name, address and telephone number of the COTR at the time of contract award and the duties thereby delegated to that person. Any subsequent change to the individual or the individual's responsibilities will be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer. In no instance will the COTR be delegated authority to order any change in the contractor's performance which would affect (a) cost or schedule for contracts for services or supplies, or (b) scope, the completion date for intermediate phases or milestones, or overall completion date for contracts for construction.

(End of clause)

FAR 52.211-12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (SEP 2000)

(a) If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the time specified in the contract, the Contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Government in the amount of **(\$85.00)** for each calendar day of delay until the work is completed or accepted.

(b) If the Government terminates the Contractor's right to proceed, liquidated damages will continue to accrue until the work is completed. These liquidated damages are in addition to excess costs of repurchase under the Termination clause.

(End of clause)

AOC52.211-5 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION AND COMPLETION OF WORK (SEP 2004)

(a) All work to be performed under this contract shall be completed within 90 calendar days after the date of contract award. No work under this contract shall be performed on Saturdays, Sundays or Federal holidays and, for work performed in the District of Columbia, Presidential Inauguration Day, except with prior approval of the Contracting Officer.

(b) Time for completion of the contract work will be adjusted only in accordance with applicable clauses in the GENERAL CONDITIONS (e.g., "Differing Site Conditions", "Changes", "Changes - Supplement", "Suspension of Work").

(End of clause)

RFP No. 060113-3
Contractors' Questions & Government's Answers

Question No. 01: Bid option (2) intelligibility.

“Does the AOC expect a report from a certified audio engineer on the intelligibility of the voice evacuation system? If so this can only be conducted after the new system is installed, per the contract drawings and specifications, at which time recommendations can be suggested for modifications to the system or accepted as installed. If modifications are recommended then a price for the additional equipment and labor can be developed for this change at that time. We believe it is impossible to properly develop a cost for an unknown factor. We can develop a cost for the intelligibility test at bid time”.

Answer: The NFPA 72 Appendix will be used to aid in determining that intelligibility has been accomplished . A cost proposal needs to be provided based on this.

Question No. 01: Specification section 1.06, A.1

“The specification calls for dual channel voice in several places. Item 1.06,C.2 outlines the expected geographical zones. Is the system expected to simultaneously broadcast the evacuation signal into a zone while an operator using the microphone gives instruction to any of the other zones? If so this is considered simultaneous broadcasts and must be specified. If all zones are to receive the microphone and or evacuation message i.e., “all call” then simultaneous broadcast’s are not required”.

Answer: Simultaneously is not required.

Question No. 03: Specification section 3.02,G.3

“Is it your expectation to have a separate and unique SLC loops for each zone? The riser diagram shows 2 SLC loops with isolation modules to isolate devices. Is this sufficient?”.

“The second part of this item identifies two unique audio/visual circuits for each zone. Do you expect that every other device will be on a separate circuit?”.

Answer: a. If it is a true class A circuit or style 7 and follow design document
 b. Yes Per 302-G3 in spec. 13852

Question No. 04: General notes # 29 FA002

“If we are required to disturb this paint during the installation process will the AOC handle the proper abatement?”

Answer: If you disturb the lead paint you are required to handle it according to the contract documents included but not limited to the Safety and Health section 01546.

Question No. 05: Installation above the shades in the greenhouses. “Please clarify the time of day for opening the shades. Is this requirement all inclusive of the shades or is there a short list that is of concern?”

Answer: There will be second shift work (3 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.) required in the entire Green House and the walkway to the head house, and the office area, hallways and bathrooms of the first floor head house. This work will need to be scheduled a minimum of two weeks ahead of time to accommodate for the relocating of the plants. First shift work (7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.) can be perform in the first floor storage and loading dock areas and the entire basement shops and tunnel areas.

Question No. 06: “Glass panels that will be required to be replaced for installation of conduit”.

- a. “Will the AOC supply the plexi glass panels at no cost to us?”
- b. “Will the AOC provide the labor to remove and replace at no cost to us?”
- c. “If we are required to furnish and install the plexi glass please furnish the specification for this material and installation practice”.

Answer: The glass panels will be removed and replaced with plexiglass by AOC upon request of the contractor at no cost to the contractor. However a minimum of two weeks notice for removal and replacement will be required. All penetrations after the conversion to plexiglass are the responsibility of the contractor.

Question No. 07: “AOC52.236-13,d (as a reference to the list of attendees) I suggest this item not be published with list of questions”.

Answer: Done, (See attached)

Question No. 08: “It appears there are not enough “Extender Panels” located on drawings FA-101, 102, 103 & 104. to accommodate the circuits as they are shown. Please advise how to proceed”.

Answer: We are confident in the design as is, however, if you have a different vision of design that can increase the battery capacity of the system please adjust your bid accordingly.

Question No. 09: “The speaker strobe shown on drawing FA102 (on visual circuit G and audio circuit P between column lines 6-7 and C-D), and the manual pull station are shown on the left side of the exit door while drawing FA103 depicts them on the right. Please clarify which location is correct”.

Answer: Use left side as indicated on FA-103

Question No. 10: “On drawing FA101, are the relays in the following locations existing or new?”

- a. “In between column line 3-4 and B-C”
- b. “In between column line 5-6 and A-B”

3 Answer: New

Question No. 11: “Drawing FA-101 currently shows the detector between column line 3-4, and A-B as an area smoke detector. Is this correct or should it be a duct smoke detector?”

4 Answer: The drawing is correct

Question No. 12: “The symbols for the flow and tamper switches on drawing FA-101 between column line 6-7 and C-D are confusing. Are these devices “existing to remain,” or “existing to be removed?”

5 Answer: 5. They are existing to remain.

Question No. 13: “On drawing FA-103 in “Zone XII” there appears to be a strobe that is out of place. Please clarify if this device and location is correct

6 Answer: : 6. The strobe I believe that you are referring to is located within a small room inside the green house.

Question No. 14: “There is a speaker strobe on drawing FA-103 in between “Zone VIII” and “Zone IX” without a designated audio circuit. Please clarify what circuit this device should be on”.

Answer: Circuit P

Question No. 15: On drawing FA-104 a device labeled as a “TRANS” is shown in the tunnel and not listed in the symbol legend. Please clarify what this device is.

Answer: 8. The TRANS is a Audio Transponder needed for the notification system NACS and Speaker Circuits.

Question No. 16: Section AOC52.211-5 (a) on page 2 of the supplementary conditions indicates that all work shall be completed within 60 calendar days after the date of contract award. This contradicts item 1. (a) on page 6, which states the contractor shall have 90 calendar days to complete the work. Please confirm the project duration.

Answer: 90 days (See attached corrected page)

Question No. 17: Section 13852-6 1.06 A.1 of the specifications states that the fire alarm

system is to be a dual channel system while section 13852-7 1.06 C.1 states it is to be a general evacuation alarm. The two statements appear to be conflicting and is an atypical installation. Is it necessary for the system to have the ability to manually page while a prerecorded message is being played?

Answer: **Simultaneously is not required.**

Question No. 18: Does the existing system need to stay fully functional until the new system has been installed and approved?

Answer: **11. Yes**

Question No. 19: If a fire watch is required during the construction process will the owner cover the associated costs?

Answer: **There should not be a fire watch if existing system is in full compliance of functional.**

Question No. 20: Bid Option number two is very ambiguous about what the expectations are for providing voice intelligibility through out the complex. In general this is a subjective request that is open ended. Please clarify in much greater detail what is expected for this work. Information provided should be very specific information listing the quantifiable expectations for this work.

Answer: **13. THE NFPA 72 APPENDIX WILL BE USED TO AID IN DETERMINING THAT INTELLIGIBILITY HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. A cost needs to be provided based on this.**

Question No. 21: Is it permissible to reuse existing conduit when deemed appropriate?

Answer: **If it meets NEC code as specified in spec.**

Question No. 22: Several penetrations will need to be made into the existing greenhouses to install new devices. Will the owner provide replacement glass for these locations? Please clarify who is responsible for these penetrations.

Answer: **The glass panels will be removed and replaced with plexiglass by AOC upon request of the contractor at no cost to the contractor. However a minimum of two weeks notice for removal and replacement will be required. All penetrations after the conversion to plexiglass are the responsibility of the contractor.**

Question No. 23: Is it permissible to surface mount devices?

Answer: Yes

Question No. 24: Drawing FA-104 shows several panels mounted on the wall in the tunnel. During our pre-bid walkthrough it was noted that this location has an existing wire trough installed at that location that has 480 volt power in it. It appears that locating the panels at this location would be inappropriate. Please advise where they should be relocated.

Answer: Accessible wall space in general area not to obstruct walk way.

Question No. 25: Section 1. (a) on page 6 of the supplementary conditions indicates that all work is to be done during the third shift hours, Monday through Thursday from 4 PM to 12 am. This contradicts what was discussed at the pre-bid meeting, which was that work can be performed during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Please clarify.

Answer: There will be second shift work (3 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.) required in the entire Green House and the walkway to the head house, and the office area, hallways and bathrooms of the first floor head house. This work will need to be scheduled a minimum of two weeks ahead of time to accommodate for the relocating of the plants. First shift work (7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.) can be performed in the first floor storage and loading dock areas and the entire basement, shops and tunnel areas.

Question No. 26: In general, there were several items that were discussed at the pre-bid meeting that appeared to conflict with the project documents that were issued. There is a concern that there maybe be other items listed in the project documents that are not correct, but were not discussed. Please review this issue and provide comments regarding the changes that were made to the original documents for this specific project.

Answer: Put questions in writing otherwise go by contract documents.

Question No. 27: A list of acceptable fire alarm manufacturers was not provided in the contract documents. Is any manufacturer acceptable?

Fire Alarm Control Unit's Manufacturer is NOTIFIER.

RFP NO. 060113
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR
THE U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN AT D.C. VILLAGE,
Washington D.C.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE/SITE VISIT LIST OF ATTENDEES

Thursday June 8, 2006
Between 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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